

Docket No. 244768US2CONT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahide NAKAYA

SERIAL NO: 10/720,187

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF SHORTENING START UP TIME OF FIXING DEVICE



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
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| CLAIMS | CLAIMS REMAINING | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID | NO. EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 21, 2004, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.